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On

The Nomination of William J. Boarman to the Position of Public Printer

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On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and our membership of 1.4 million, I am pleased to express our strong support for the nomination of William J. Boarman to the position of U.S. Public Printer. Mr. Boarman's experience in the printing and publishing industry, familiarity with the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), and proven track record of cooperation and achievement in labor-management relations make him an excellent choice for this role. He will, if confirmed, be a strong leader for the workers employed under the Public Printer.

Mr. Boarman's career in the printing industry spans 40 years. A practical printer by trade, Mr. Boarman served a four year union apprenticeship at the McArdle Printing Company in Washington, DC. Following the completion of his apprenticeship he worked in a number of local printing establishments before accepting an appointment as a Journeyman Printer to the GPO. Mr. Boarman has served as an unpaid consultant to several Public Printers and has testified before various congressional committees regarding GPO programs.

Mr. Boarman has been active in his union since the start of his career. At age 30, he was elected President of his home local and ultimately President of the International Allied Printing Trades Association, which has Local Councils in 39 states and the District of Columbia. In addition, he now serves as a Vice President

of the Communications Workers of America and President of the union's Printing, Publishing & Media Workers Sector.

The Teamsters Union represents more than 60,000 workers in all craft and skill areas in the printing and publishing industry. Every day our members play an integral role in bringing vital information to the public. At the GPO, Teamster members are charged with keeping the American people informed about the work of the federal government. It is with the responsibility of this task squarely in mind that we offer our unqualified support.

We urge you to confirm Mr. Boarman as the 26th Public Printer of the United States.